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Environment Committee:

The Independent Connecticut Petroleum (ICPA) and the Gasoline & Automotive Service Dealers of America, (GASDA) jointly request the Environment Committee to oppose S. B. 1106 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS OF REMEDIATION OF RELEASES OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

ICPA represents over 540 petroleum marketers and their associated business in Connecticut and GASDA represents over 450 gasoline retailers in Ct. Jointly members employ over 15,000 people in our state and serve more than 1 Million consumers with heating oil (ICPA only) and motor fuels (ICPA & GASDA) each year.

Current state and federal laws and regulations have set very high petroleum cleanup standards that require extensive work to meet these standards. These clean ups are lengthy and expensive. They require engineers and consultants who make sure that any contamination that may have occurred meets the stringent standards that are in place today.

The vast majority of gasoline stations in Connecticut are owned and operated by local families. Several refiners's owned gas stations have been sold to Connecticut families and many more are scheduled to be sold in the next year. The expense of these clean ups are a part of the cost of doing business and need to be pursued in a way that considers the fiscal impact to the business and the environmental benefit so that the most common sense approach is adopted.

The Department of Environmental Protection should sit down, as they have done recently on Section 22a-449(d)-106 of the Underground Storage Tank regulations, with the regulated community and work out a comprehensive, consistent, fair and scientifically justified program for all.

ICPA & GASDA urges the Environment Committee to oppose S.B. 1106, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS OF REMEDIATION OF RELEASES OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

Respectfully,

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